



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES September 22, 2011

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present**

Charles Brown, George Evanoff (Council Chair), Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Anne Morrison (Committee Chair), Nancy Stump, Joe Woods, David Besst, Mary Busch, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Johannah Uriri Glover, Elizabeth Harris, Steve Laughary, Randy Maskell, Deborah Schaus, Emma Violante, and Hannele Waissi.

#### **Council Members Absent**

Kati Bates, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Allison Perrin, and Elizabeth Rohn-Nelson.

#### **Council Staff Present**

Deneen Dantimo, Cathy De Lisa, and Kim Jennings.

#### **Guest Present and Signing In**

Susan Archer, Sylvia Balisteri, Brittany Carter, Beverley Heasley, Lori Kleinschmidt, Debera Kopp, and Christie Kramer.

#### **Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Anne Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. SHAC minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed. *Bernadine Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Emma Violante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.* The minutes of the August 18, 2011 Oral Health Sub-Committee were reviewed. *Emma Violante made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Current Event Update: University of Arizona (UA): College of Medicine Phoenix Campus**

Dr. Georgia Hall, Clinical Associate Professor in the Family & Community Medicine/Geriatrics department of the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix, provided a PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the Phoenix Biomedical Campus, which is the site of the Translation Genomics Research Institute, the Arizona Biomedical Collaborative, and the College of Medicine – Phoenix and has additional space for the UA Colleges of Pharmacy and Public Health and Northern Arizona University. The UA College of Medicine – Phoenix serves a key role in addressing Arizona's shortage of physicians, pharmacists and other health professionals. According to Dr. Hall, the mission of the College of Medicine is to promote health and improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease for the people of Arizona and beyond, through education, research and patient care. The Geriatric Curriculum focuses on, but not limited to, cognitive and behavioral disorders; medication management; self-care

capacity; falls, balance and gait disorders. Ms. Hall shared that thanks to an email from the Council on Aging shared by Anne Morrison, SHAC Chair and Council Member, the College of Medicine staff and students have adopted the Justa Center, a day resource center for individuals over the age of 55 who are homeless, for the Christmas holiday.

### **Current Event Update & Discussion Licensure and Dental Care for Nursing Home**

#### **Residents**

Richard Young, Bureau Chief and Kay Huff, Team Leader from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Long Term Care division were introduced. Ms. Huff provided a Long Term Care Dental outline that included survey questions used during the survey process in skilled nursing facilities, observations to be made by surveyors, federal regulations and interpretative guidelines specific to dental services. Referencing the outline, Ms. Huff provided examples and answered questions about dental services in skilled nursing facilities. (SNFs) Brittany Carter and Sylvia Balisteri from the Arizona Health Care Association (AHCA) provided input during the dental services discussion with the Committee. The discussion included challenges in training staff and/or caregivers to provide proper daily oral health care and access to dentists as well as challenges in identifying sources of funding for residents who are unable to pay for dental services. Anne Morrison, SHAC Chair thanked the presenters, encouraged the guests to consider how the Oral Health Sub-Committee might support efforts to provide oral health care to residents in licensed facilities and circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in joining the Sub-Committee. A copy of the Long Term Care Dental outline used by Ms. Huff is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

### **Update on Alzheimer's Task Force Work Teams**

Deborah Schaus from the Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter, reported the third quarterly meeting of the statewide Task Force was held on September 16, 2011. The goal of the Task Force is to address the growing financial and human cost of Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias on Arizona. Four Work Teams are addressing goals and objectives of the Alzheimer's Priorities contained in the State Plan on Aging 2011-2014. The Work Teams are meeting on a monthly basis, and anyone interested in joining one of the four teams can contact the Governor's Office on Aging or the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter.

Work Team 1 - is lead by Dr. David Coon and focuses on the *Impact of the Disease on the State*. The team looks at different information that will help them have true numbers regarding cognitive impairment and behavior risk assessment related to Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.

Work Team 2 - is co-facilitated by Shawn Trobia and Mika Konda and addresses *Access to Services* with a focus on diagnosis and early onset of the disease.

Work Team 3 - is facilitated by Cindy Vargo and addresses *Independence and Safety*. A co-facilitator will be named in the near future.

Work Team 4 – is jointly facilitated by Larry Clausen, Meg Fenzi and Heirberto Contreras and addresses *Quality of Care Promotion and Regulation*.

Ms. Schaus stated that copies of the *Walk to End Alzheimer's* brochure were available to Committee members if desired and information about the statewide events is posted on the chapter's website.

### **Update on National Lifespan Respite Conference**

Mr. Besst reported on the Arizona Caregiver Coalition & National Respite Conference scheduled for November 2-3, 2011; a pre-conference scheduled for November 1, 2011 and a post conference grantee meeting on November 4, 2011. The conference offers free continuing education units (CEUs) for social workers and behavioral health professionals. Mr. Besst circulated flyers for the conference and stated the Arizona Caregiver Coalition has been asked to co-host the conference. Mr. Besst shared that the Ryan House provides essential care in a home-like setting where children with life-threatening conditions and their families may come for respite and, as needed, end of life care. Mr. Besst announced that November is Caregiver's Month. Mr. Besst stated more caregiver information can be located at: [www.azcaregiver.org](http://www.azcaregiver.org). A copy of the flyer distributed by Mr. Besst is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

### **SHAC Priorities for Council's Annual Planning Meeting in December 2011**

Committee Chair Anne Morrison asked SHAC members to come prepared to submit ideas and projects to the Council for their December Annual Planning Meeting at the next SHAC meeting, which is scheduled for November 3, 2011. Those planning to attend the respite conference or other events on that same day were invited to send input to the Council's email address: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) or contact Cathy De Lisa.

Ms. Morrison reported that the Marketing and Outreach Task Force will be meeting in the near future and anyone who wishes to be on the Task Force should contact her.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

### **Next Meeting:**

**The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee is scheduled for November 3, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Location to be confirmed and announced via public meeting notice on the Advisory Council on Aging's website: [www.azgovernor.gov/gaca](http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca). These meetings are open to the public.**